invited to salute the little queen. She sits on a gold cushion, which must be borrowed if she hasn't one, and all the rest sit on the floor. Then an old mollah recites very slowly a certain verse from the Koran, which is also written in saffron on a silver plate Bibl holds in her hand. She runs her fingers over the words and stammers them after him. "Say it now, Bibi. Be a good girl, then you shall see your presents." in they all cry: "Shabash! Shabash! Wah! Wah!" and the ceremony of the little girl's first lesson in reading, writing and religion is over. She salaams mamma, then shows her presents to er sahelis (girl friends).-Edmund Rus-

English Prison Pits. Prison pits were vaults in which minals in England were kept at night, chained together. There was one at Bristol which was in use as late at 1815. Down eighteen steps, it was only seventeen feet in diameter by nine feet high, and seventeen men were consigned to it every night. Even mere typical was Warwick jail pit, was occupied at least until 1797. It was an octagonal dungeon twenty-

sell in Everybody's.

in feet underground. In the middle was a resspool, and beside it ran a tream of water which served the prisrs for drinking purposes. To this wful cell forty-two men were congned every afternoon at 3:45, to rein there until after daylight the folowing morning. The inmates had to ep on their sides, and their jailer er visited them without guarding self with an antidote against sick-

The Decdand. Decdard (Latin, Dec dandus, to be iven to God) was formerly in English w any agent or instrument by which a person was accidentally killed and which for that reason was to be given to God—that is, forfeited to the king to

Thus a kind of expiation was arred for such fatal accidents as ight be due to the fall of a ladder, the tose of a bull or the heavy wheel

they are mentioned in "Hudibras:" For love should, like a deedand, Still fall to the owner of the land.

A Story of Teamysen.
into Resetti used to tell a story of bysos, with whom he was walking suitry summer night through Halborn. They passed a building brillandly lighted up and from which is used the sounds of joyous music.

"What is that place?" asked the bard.

"It is called," replied Rossetti, "the Holborn casthe." "I should like to look in," pursued the bard, "only I should be at once surrounded by a crew of grounditings, who would mob and pester, and jostle me." "My dear sir," undelly remarked Dants. "If you were quietly remarked Dante, "if you were toxication results, and arteriosclerosis to get on one of the tables, announce and old age come on at a much earlier your name and recite three of your day. But by keeping the spine flexible poetic masterpleces into the bargain and the abdominal muscles strong and ho you are." and old age is held off.—Good Health.

ere are very few allusions to there are very lew allusions to storks in Latin authors, but one of these is interesting. The birds have a curious custom of snapping their bills, making quite a sharp noise. Young and old birds, both during and after the preeding season, constantly do this. In the writings of Persius there is a ace to this habit. "There are," says, "three favorite ways of deriding a man-by putting the hands be-ide the head like asses' ears, by putng out the tongue like a dog and apping the fingers against the palm of the hand like a stork's bill." first two methods of mockery are plain, out what was the cause of the last?-Notes and Queries.

The Snake's Tongue The snake's tongue proves to be a nost remarkable organ. A student with a sense of feeling without touch and may be a finer development of the e that enables some people to avoid iking obstacles in the dark. The rked tip and the numerous folds bend it greatly increase the surface exnterlaced by a network of extremely fine nerve fibers, which center in a ep nerve plexus beneath the epidermis and extending out into the folds.

Restless Nature. manent. Changes are going on slowly. but steadily, every moment, parts of the earth being elevated above the sea, parts sinking below it, the ocean wear ing away the coast in one place and liding it out in another, and so on to

Fiction. What are you writing, Hawley?" "A story. I'm going in for fiction. "Really! For a magazine?" ney, and I'm telling him I'll send

m a check next week." His Bitter Experience. "Can't you swallow even a sugar

You see, the blamed thing ns to take its coat off before start-

The Status. Affice—It would be strange if Cholly strong as could marry a girl as silly as him-if. Clara—Yes; it would be two "Well, " ouls without a single thought.

De Canter-Is there any sure way to

The people who are most eager to have their troubles are usually those the are usually with their good not.—Philadelphia Reserd.

The Pomelo of China. Probably the best all round fruit in China is the pomelo. It is grown in the south central and southern provinces and is said to be the original citrus fruit. It resembles the grape fruit of the United States in size, shape color and somewhat in flavor, being sweeter than grape fruit, with less of the bitter quality, with flesh more perfectly separated in the sections and capable of being pulled apart and separated from all surrounding sacs or membranes. The natives cut through the peel about one-third of the way from the top, crimping the edge of the section all the way round the fruit, then remove the flesh, tear the section apart, replace them in the peel and serve thus divided and prepared. The fruit is attractive, refreshing, whole some and comparatively cheap. Generally speaking, the pomelo seems to be a cross between a shaddock and a good orange, but it is more hardy than either. It has better keeping qualities than the orange.

Some Real Giants. Brewer tells us that "no recorded height of any giant known has reached ten feet." If a cubit is twenty-one inches, Goliath of Gath was eleven feet nine inches in height; if it is eighteen

inches, he was just the size of the Arabian giant, Gabara, who was nine feet nine inches. Josephus mentions a Jew who stood ten feet two. Kintolochus Rex was fifteen feet six inches high, five feet through the chest to the spine and ten feet across the shoulders John Middleton was nine feet three taches. His hand was seventeen inches long and eight and a half broad. Patrick O'Brien was eight feet seven. Turner, the naturalist, says he saw in Brazil a giant twelve feet in height. But Og, king of Bashan, held the rec ord. According to tradition, he lived 3,000 years and walked beside the Ark during the flood. One of his bones formed a bridge over a river.

We may hear it said of one who is in low spirits, "he is in the dumps," or "he is in the doldrums," but many who use the latter of these phrases have caught it up without any knowledge of applied to plous uses and its value its real significance. The region of stributed in alms by his high almon-calms is a belt which stretches across the Atlantic and Pacific almost on a line with the equator. Here meet the north and south trade winds, and squalls and heavy rains are frequent, but the characteristic of this region, which is known also as the doldrums, out any fault of his own, deprived of the last sacraments of the church. The right to these decolands, which were abolished in 1846, was frequently ranted to individuals or annexed to might whistle in vain for wind, as their sails hung heavily, and all

As idle as a painted ship Upon a painted ocean.

A famous French general when ask-ed how it was that he had such an erect of the summer night through High carriage replied that it was because he re. They passed a building brillbent over and touched the floor with bent over and touched the floor with and old age come on at a much earlier

> Colonel Clark E. Carr met Senator Douglas during the time of the fa-mous Lincoln and Douglas debates and thus describes him in his book, "The Illini:" "I had never heard so impressive a voice, so deep and sympathetic. He had a sort of confiding way, as much as to say, 'I am going to tell you-I feel that I can trust myself to say to you,' as though you were the one person in whom he could confide. He was only five feet four and was well called 'the little giant.' I was as-

> Hymns In Theaters. In South Wales when the people are pleased with the work of an actor they have a custom of showing their appre ciation by singing hymns at the close of the performance. Henry Irving was once playing at Swansea when he was surprised to hear the audience burst into "Lead, Kindly Light," when he appeared before the curtain in response to a call. At the close of the engagenent the great actor was deeply touched by the singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," rendered in the most reverent manner.

tonished to find he had so good a fig-

"Pa," said Miss Strong, "I wish you would stay in this evening. Mr. Tardey will want to speak to you." "So he has really proposed at last,

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